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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS:
NONTARIFF BARRIERS

REF: MANILA'S A-144, MAY 22, 1974

1. TO PREPARE SPECIFIC REQUEST LIST FOR PHILIPPINES IN MTN,
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USDOC REQUIRES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NONTARIFF BARRIERS.

2. IN PARTICULAR, NEED TO KNOW STATUS OF QUANTITATIVE RE-
STRICTIONS SINCE THESE ARE MOST FREQUENTLY CITED BY INDUSTRY
SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES (ISAC'S) AS PROBLEM IN TRADING
WITH PHILIPPINES. FOR BACKGROUND, POST MAY WISH TO REFER
TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MTN DATA BASE LIST LEFT BY

KENT STAUFFER DURING RECENT TRIP. IN THIS DOCUMENT, NOTATION 4A MEANS QUOTE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS UNQUOTE; THE USUAL ISAC COMPLAINT IS THAT ALL IMPORTS MUST OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE CENTRAL BANK.

3. REFAIR (P. 4) INDICATES THAT ALL IMPORT TRANSACTIONS MUST BE PROCESSED BY CICCO.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TWO KINDS OF IMPORTS ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE SALES BY THE CENTRAL

BANK (A) IMPORTS CLASSIFIED AS NEC, UC, AND SUC (P. 4 REFAIR) AND (B) IMPORT ITEMS SELECTED ON AN AD HOC BASIS. FROM 1977 PHILIPPINES STANDARD COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION WE CAN DETERMINE IMPORTS FALLING UNDER (A). WE DO NOT HAVE A COMPLETE LIST OF THOSE INCLUDED IN (B) AND ARE UNABLE TO GET A COMPLETE CURRENT LISTING FROM THE IMF. FOR BACKGROUND, POST MAY WISH TO REVIEW IMF SM/77/223 OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1977, IMF EBS/287, JULY 29, 1977, AND IMF 1977 REPORT ON EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS. BY PIECING TOGETHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION, WE FIND THAT PRIOR CENTRAL BANK APPROVAL APPEARS TO BE REQUIRED ON AN AD HOC BASIS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: USED ENGINES OF 6 CYLINDERS OR MORE; 11 ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT (TYPES UNSPECIFIED BUT FORMERLY USED EQUIPMENT); CRANES, WAGONS, TRAILERS AND CARTS; CONCRETE

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MIXERS AND PAVERS; EARTH EXCAVATING MACHINERY; ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MINING MACHINERY N.E.S.; ROAD MOTOR VEHICLES; TRACTORS; WASTE OF SYNTHETIC OR ARTIFICIAL FIBERS (THE CENTRAL BANK CLAIMS IT MERELY MONITORS THE PRECEDING ITEMS TO PREVENT FRADULENT MISCLASSIFICATION); AIRPLANES, E PETROLEUM PRODUCTS; TIRES; TRUCKS; CAUSTIC SODA; CANNED SARDINES; TEXTILE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT; BEEF; STEEL BILLETS, INGOTS, HOT ROLLED COILS OR SHEETS AND OTHER STEEL PRODUCTS LISTED UNDER COMMODITY GROUP 68; VESSELS AND APPURTENANCES. ALSO POSSIBLY ON THE LIST ARE CANNED MACKEREL; MAGAZINES, REVIEWS AND JOURNALS; AND COMPLETELY KNOCKED DOWN NEW AS WELL AS USED MOTORCYCLES FOR ASSEMBLY AND SPARE PARTS OR REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR MOTORCYCLES.

5. IMF REPORTS STATE THAT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CENTRAL BANK IS NECESSARY FOR IMPORTATION BY ANY SINGLE IMPORTER OF NON-AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT WITH AN AGGREGATE VALUE IN EXCESS OF 50,000 DOLLARS WITHIN A CALENDAR MONTH (REFAIR STATES 50,000 DOLLAR LIMITATION APPLIES TO ALL IMPORTS).

6. REQUEST EARLIEST POSSIBLE POST RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO PERMIT COMPLETION OF PHILIPPINE REQUEST LIST BY JAN. 1.

A. IS THERE CURRENTLY A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL IMPORT TRANS-ACTIONS MUST BE PROCESSED BY CICCO? IF SO DESCRIBE THIS PROCESS AS WELL AS MECHANISM THROUGH WHICH FURTHER CENTRAL BANK SCREENING TAKES PLACE IN RESPECT TO IMPORTS COVERED IN PARA 4. MAY CICCO OR OTHER ARM OF CENTRAL BANK TURN DOWN REQUESTS TO IMPORT ITEMS OTHER THAN THOSE COVERED IN PARA 4 ON A SELECTIVE BASIS?

B. PROVIDE COMPLETE LIST OF IMPORTS COMPILED ON AN AD HOC BASIS FOR WHICH CENTRAL BANK APPROVAL IS NEEDED (SEE PARA. CONFIDENTIAL

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4-B), IDENTIFYING 11 UNSPECIFIED ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT CITED IN PARA 4.

C. IS CENTRAL BANK APPROVAL OF IMPORTS BY A SINGLE IMPORTER IN EXCESS OF DOLLARS 50,000 A MONTH LIMITED TO NON-AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (PARA 5)? DO IMPORTS IN EXCESS OF THIS AMOUNT STILL HAVE TO BE ON A CREDIT BASIS? DO THESE REQUIREMENTS ALLOW THE CENTRAL BANK TO PROHIBIT IMPORTS ON A SELECTIVE BASIS?

7. IF COMPLETION OF LIST REQUESTED IN 6(B) DELAYS RESPONSE, PLEASE REPLY TO (A) AND (C) SOONEST. VANCE

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